Structure Subgroup Planning Session

Charge

- What are our "long-term aspirations"?
 - next 10-20 yrs, facilities report
- What discovery opportunities are we excited to share with our colleagues and agencies?
 - discovery of accelerating universe is difficult act to follow
 - "Einstein was wrong" vs w =
 - -1.005 ± 0.001

Process

- Facilities report delivered next week:
 - LSST
 - "next-generation DE" placeholder
 - >\$100M
- Snowmass report finalized (July)
- P5 prioritizes, taking our report as input

Writing

- ~20 pages from this group (??)
- ~20-page CF5 summary (1/6)
- ~30-page CF summary (1/6)
- ~30-page Snowmass summary (1/3)
- bullet points for DPF meeting
- most people will only read I paragraph on structure: focus on this first?
- is there a single plot that tells our story?

Resources

- Rocky-III summarizes discovery opportunities and outlines path from Stage III to IV, focusing on DOE role.
- Weinberg et al 2012 provides quantitative Stage IV projections and covers key systematics relevant to structure
- LSST DESC whitepaper provides detailed roadmap for highest priority tasks over next 3 years

Plan of action

- Scott has asked for the following information in the next session:
 - timeline
 - rough outline of writing assignment
 - calculations that need to be done
 - who will be contributing

What is our scope?

- "Spatial distribution of LSS and its growth in cosmic time"
 - What are the projected DE/MG constraints? (Weinberg et al)
 - How to address cluster and weak lensing systematics? (Weinberg et al + LSST DESC whitepaper)
 - What missing experiment could improve MG constraints a lot? (do we have a MG theory?)
- Scope does not include BAO distance scale or cross correlations

Structure Fields

- galaxies: number, shear, magnification
- cluster: number, mass
- IGM: absorption (Lya), emission (21cm)
- ?

Scope

- Red-shift surveys: redshift-space distortions (Alcock-Paczynski test), ...
- Imaging surveys: weak lensing, clusters, ...
- Importance of overlaps?
 - imaging+spectro, optical+X+SZ, ...
- Priorities for analysis technique development?

Stage IV Facilities for Structure

- (Chime 2016-18)
- MS-DESI 2018-22
- LSST 4+2+10 years (2020-30?)
- Euclid 6-year mission (2020-26?)
- WFIRST?

Beyond Stage IV

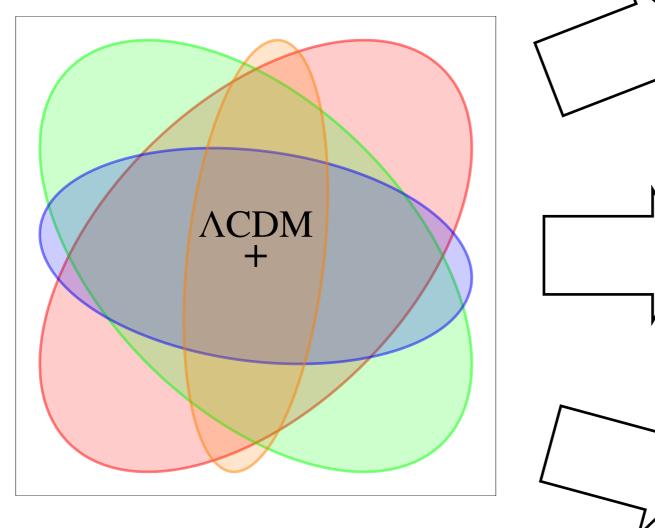
10-20 yr horizon (2023-33) implies start of stage V and planning for stage VI.

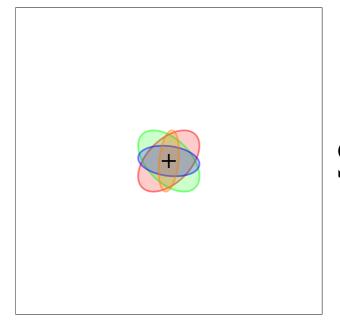
Need a roadmap that is responsive to what we learn in going from stage III to IV.

Roadmap encompasses a lot more than CF5b.

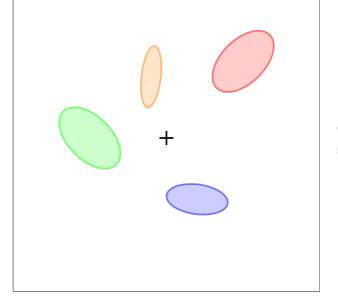
Can identify some generic scenarios to frame the discussion.

Stage III

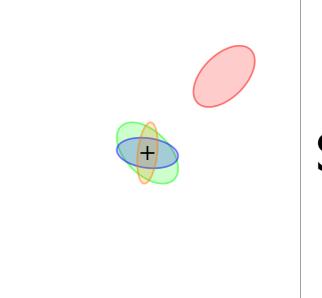






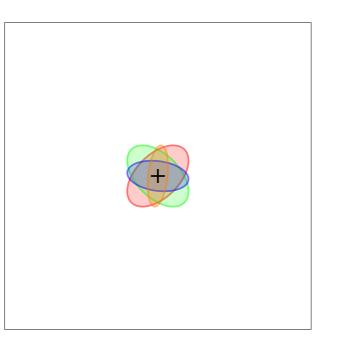


Stage IVb



Stage IVc

Stage IVa

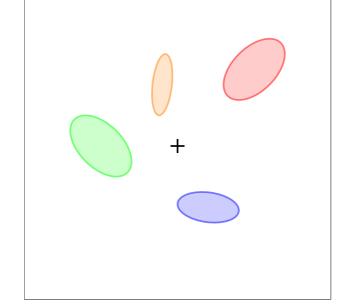


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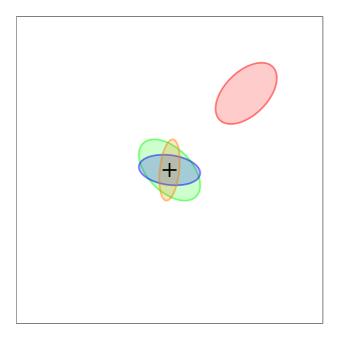
YES: proceed to stage V

NO: done for now?

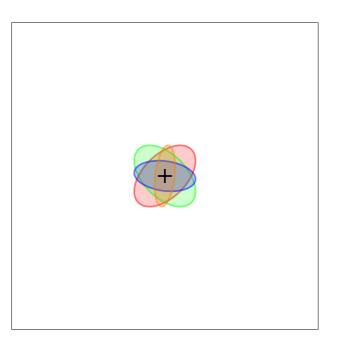
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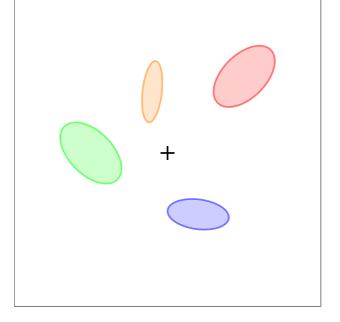


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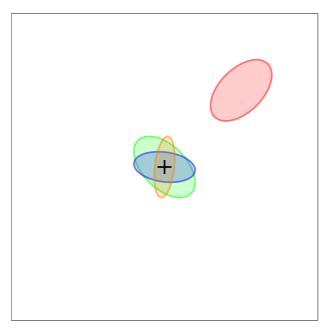
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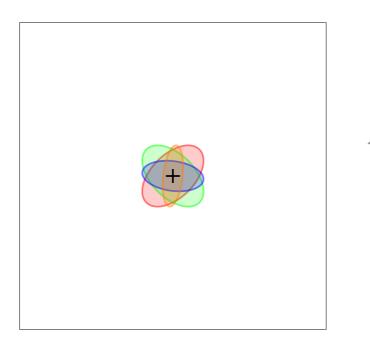


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Stage IVc



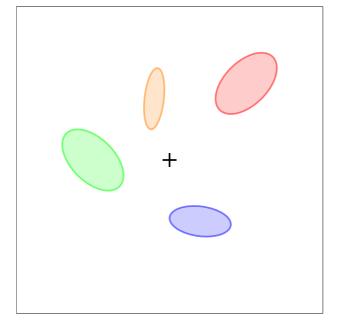
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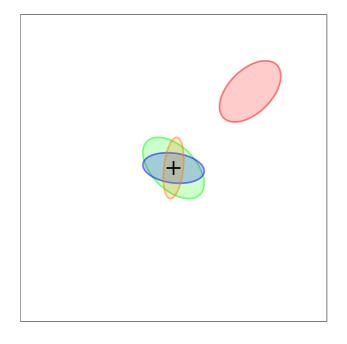
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Stage IVc



Do we really understand our systematics? Limited scope stage IV.5 to clarify picture.